The opinion in support of the decision being entered today was *not* written for publication is *not* binding precedent of the Board.

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Ex parte STUART B. BERMAN

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A telephone conversation was held between counsel for the appellant, Mr. David B. Murphy, Esq., and the undersigned on March 10, 2005, regarding the Request for Oral Hearing contained within the Appeal Brief filed April 2, 2004, and reiterated in the Reply Brief filed July 16, 2004. Discussion was made as to the procedures under 37 CFR § 41.47 (formerly know as § 1.194) and options that the appellant may follow if an Oral Hearing was desired.

On March 11, 2005, in a telephone message from Mr. Murphy, he stated that the appellant has decided to proceed without having an Oral Hearing.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application be decided based upon the written record before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences.

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